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*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and  
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business  
(No Votes Before 6:00 p.m.)*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H.R. 2035—Correcting Authorizations for National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration Programs**

**H.Con.Res. 107—Rejecting the Notion that Sex Between Adults and  
Children is Positive**

**H.Con.Res. 144—Urging the Release of Three Prisoners in Yugoslavia**

**H.Con.Res. 117—Regarding United Nations General Assembly Resolution  
ES-10/6**



## **Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules**

**Floor Situation:** The House is scheduled to consider the following four bills under suspension of the rules as its only order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

**H.R. 2035—Correcting Authorizations for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Programs** increases the authorization for certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to correct errors in the current authorization levels. During the drafting of the NHTSA reauthorization in 1998, NHTSA erroneously requested that funding be maintained at the FY 1998 level. The president, however, had requested an increase for these programs. H.R. 2035 increases the authorization for FYs 1999-2001 for motor vehicle safety programs from \$81.2 million to \$98.3 million and for motor vehicle information and cost savings programs from \$6.2 million to \$9.6 million. Overall, the bill increases the total authorization for these programs from \$87 million to \$107.9 million—\$8.1 million more than NHTSA's request and \$8.6 million less than the president's request. CBO estimates that enactment will increase discretionary spending by about \$40 million over FYs 2000-2004. The bill

does not affect direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. The bill was introduced by Mr. Tauzin and reported by the Commerce Committee by voice vote on June 10, 1999.

**H.Con.Res. 107—Rejecting the Notion that Sex Between Adults and Children is Positive** expresses the sense of Congress: (1) rejecting and condemning suggestions in a study recently published by the American Psychological Association that sexual relationships between adults and children might be positive for children; (2) urging the president to likewise reject and condemn any such suggestion; and (3) encouraging competent investigations to continue to research the effects of child sexual abuse using the best methodology, so that the public and public policymakers may make decisions based on accurate information. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Salmon and was not considered by a House committee.

**H.Con.Res. 144—Urging the Release of Three Prisoners in Yugoslavia** urges the U.S. government and the United Nations to make strenuous efforts to secure the release of three humanitarian aid workers employed in Yugoslavia by Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE) who are being held as prisoners by the Yugoslav government. The resolution also calls on the Yugoslav Government to send a positive signal to the international humanitarian community and to free these humanitarian workers without further delay. The bill was introduced by Mr. Gilman *et al.* and was reported by the International Relations Committee by voice vote on July 1, 1999.

**H.Con.Res. 117** expresses the sense of Congress to (1) commend the State Department for the U.S. vote against United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-10/6, affirming that the text of the resolution unduly politicizes the Fourth Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilians in Time of War which was primarily humanitarian in nature; (2) urge the State Department to continue its efforts against convening and participating in the conference, which is scheduled to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 15, 1999; (3) urge the member states of the U.N. to vigorously oppose any and all efforts to manipulate the Fourth Geneva Convention for the purpose of attacking Israel; and (4) urge U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and Switzerland, which serves as the site of the convention, to refrain from assisting in convening the conference. The bill was introduced by Mr. Rothman and was reported by the International Relations Committee by voice vote on June 10, 1999.

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVIII, #20, July 9, 1999.



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